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E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: GN, UK, US
SUBJECT: GILBERT ISLANDS

REF: LONDON 8933

1. FCO ASSISTANT UNDERSECRETARY MURRAY, IN ABSENCE OF CORTAZZI, CALLED DCM JUNE 15 TO STATE STRONG FCO CONCERN ABOUT NEGATIVE RESULTS OF CONSULTATIONS BETWEEN DEPARTMENT AND UK EMBASSY WASHINGTON ON ISSUES RELATED TO GILBERT ISLANDS. ACCORDING TO MURRAY, GILBERTESE NEGOTIATORS ARRIVE IN LONDON FOR TALKS ON JUNE 19, AND THE UK IS LEFT BY US INTRANSIGENCE IN A POSITION WHERE IT HAS NOTHING TO OFFER GILBERTESE, NOR HAS THE DEPARTMENT HELD OUT HOPE OF ANY FURTHER MOVEMENT ON THE ISSUES EVEN BY JULY. THIS PLACES FCO IN A VERY DIFFICULT POSITION, MURRAY SAID, AND IT IS A MATTER OF PARTICULARLY DEEP CONCERN TO THE OFFICE OF FCO MINISTER OF STATE GORONWY-ROBERTS, WHO WILL HANDLE THE NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE GILBERTESE FOR THE UK. HE PLEADED FOR EARLIEST US EFFORTS TO MEET UK DILEMNA.

3. MURRAY PROMISED FURTHER DETAILS JUNE 16, BUT ASKED THAT WE ALERT DEPARTMENT TO FCO INTEREST SOONEST.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE.

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